

# "Friday Letter" To the Board of Directors January 25, 2013

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

## **General Manager/Administration:**

- ✓ Reminder the Board Workshop scheduled for February 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. has been rescheduled. The date remains the same, but the start time has moved to 1:00 p.m.
- ✓ Progress continues to finalize the escrow for the Discovery Bay Athletic Club property. The LLA approval was approved by the County today, and all of our contingencies have officially been met. The balance of the earnest deposit was provided to title earlier today.
- ✓ The Community Center Committee met last night, and as happened at the last Board meeting, there was a supportive constituency on hand. There was a very informative discussion on the topics including facility options, timing of facilities, and general Community Center dialogue. The Committee will meet again on Monday February 4, 2013. It is anticipated that the Committee will have a transitional plan for Board consideration at their meeting on February 6, 2013.
- ✓ Virgil celebrated a birthday today! He says he's 39, I don't believe him. Happy Birthday Virgil!

#### **Water and Wastewater Services**

- ✓ We have been deploying the new message board throughout the community with the radar function activated. It certainly makes drivers hit their brakes. We have also deployed it twice this week for street work. It has had a positive effect on motorists.
- ✓ As I noted last week, we sent a letter to the California Department of Public Health seeking input into the proposed site for Well 7. We are anxiously awaiting a response from them. Stay tuned, and soon as I hear, you will too.

✓ We initiated the abandonment procedure for Well 4 this week. Well 4 has been offline since the mid 1990's. It was operational for a short period of time as it produced almost as much sand as water. The well was built and placed offline by Delta Diablo Sanitation prior to the District's formation. We inherited Well 4 when the CSD formed. The well is being officially abandoned at the request of the State and our engineering firm, Luhdorff and Scalmanini, concurs with that recommendation. The practical reason is that the State does not want water from an aquifer above to leech into the drinking water aquifer below. We are doing preliminary work at this time to assess the best procedure aimed at meeting the stated goals. See photo, below, of the pump being removed:



✓ Veolia was on site today at the Willow Lake Water Treatment Plant doing preventive maintenance and cleaning of the backwash water tank. This is an annual PM item in their contract:



## **Parks and Landscape Services**

- ✓ All of the Holiday decorations have been removed with the exception of the entry lights. Those will be removed when the time changes to Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, March 10, 2013.
- ✓ The 2013 Earth Day festival will take place at the Community Center on Saturday April 20, 2013. Fairin and Sue are developing a program where we can have the Earth Day festival and a Community Center opening at the same time. More details to follow as they are developed!

## **Important Dates**

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- Community Center Committee Meeting Monday, February 4, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.
- CSD Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
- CSD Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
- Annual Board Planning Workshop Saturday, February 23, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.